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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Oide Eisuke

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For: HYDRAULIC TOOL Examiner: Kershteyn, Igor

## COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance contained in the Notice of Allowability mailed on April 6, 2006, and wishes to submit the following remarks. The Statement characterizes the claimed invention as being an "unobvious improvement to a hydraulic tool over U.S. Patent No. 5,272,811," and contains characterizations of the '811 patent and of the claimed invention's improvements over the '811 patent.

Applicant wishes to point out that the Examiner's Statement was not prepared by Applicant and only contains the Examiner's positions regarding one or more reasons for allowability. Any characterizations contained in the Examiner's Statement should not be imputed to the Applicant, and entry of the Statement into the record should not be construed as an agreement with or acquiescence in the reasoning stated by the Examiner.

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Otherwise, Applicant agrees with the Examiner that the claimed invention is allowable over the prior art. Each of the claims stands on its own merits and is patentable because of the combination it recites and not because of the presence or absence of any one particular element.

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